

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending.

The amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter is added by their entry. Typographical errors and other informalities are corrected in the claims. Claim 5 is amended because the original no longer further limited claim 3; the former now recites the *Pichia pastoris* strains of claim 9. The media recited in claim 11 are defined on pages 16-17 of the specification. But if the Examiner should disagree, it is respectfully requested that the challenged limitation be pointed out with particularity in the next Action so support may be cited in response.

The paper and computer readable forms of the Sequence Listing do not add new matter, and their contents are the same. It is respectfully submitted that the attached comply with 37 CFR § 1.821 et seq. Otherwise, prompt notice of any defects in the Sequence Listing is earnestly solicited and additional time is requested to comply.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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